

# Improper Integrals

Introduction # Riemann Stieltjes integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  or Riemann integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is defined under the restriction that both  $f, \alpha$  are defined and bounded on a finite interval  $[a, b]$ . However, the symbol  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  may sometimes have meaning (i.e. denote a number), even when  $f$  is not bounded or when either  $a$  or  $b$  or both are infinite. In such cases the symbol

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

is called an improper or generalised or infinite integral. Thus the integrals with unbounded integrand or with unbounded interval of integration are improper integrals.

Note # For the sake of distinction an integral which is not improper will be called a proper integral: -

## Improper Integral of First Kind

The integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is called improper integral of 1st kind if the integrand remains bounded but interval of integration is unbounded.



Def# Let  $f, \alpha$  be defined on  $[a, \infty)$ .

Suppose that  $f \in R(\alpha; a, t) = R_\alpha[a, t]$  for every  $t \geq a$ . Keeping  $a, f, \alpha$  fixed define a function  $I$  on  $[a, \infty)$  as

$$I(t) = \int_a^t f(x) d\alpha(x) \quad t \geq a.$$

The function  $I(t)$  so defined is called an infinite integral (or an improper integral of 1st kind) and is denoted by  $\int_a^\infty f d\alpha$ .

The integral  $\int_a^\infty f d\alpha$  is said to converge or said to exist if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^t f d\alpha \text{ exists (finite)}$$

otherwise  $\int_a^\infty f d\alpha$  is said to diverge or we say integral does not exist.

If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I(t)$  exists and equals  $A$ , then the number  $A$  is called value of the integral and we write.

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) d\alpha(x) = A$$

Similarly we define the improper integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f d\alpha \quad \text{as } \int_{-\infty}^b f d\alpha = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^b f d\alpha$$

Q# Check the Convergence and Divergence  
of (1)  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$  (2)  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

Sol (1)  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|x|]_1^t$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln t - \ln 1]$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln t] = \infty$

$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$  diverges.

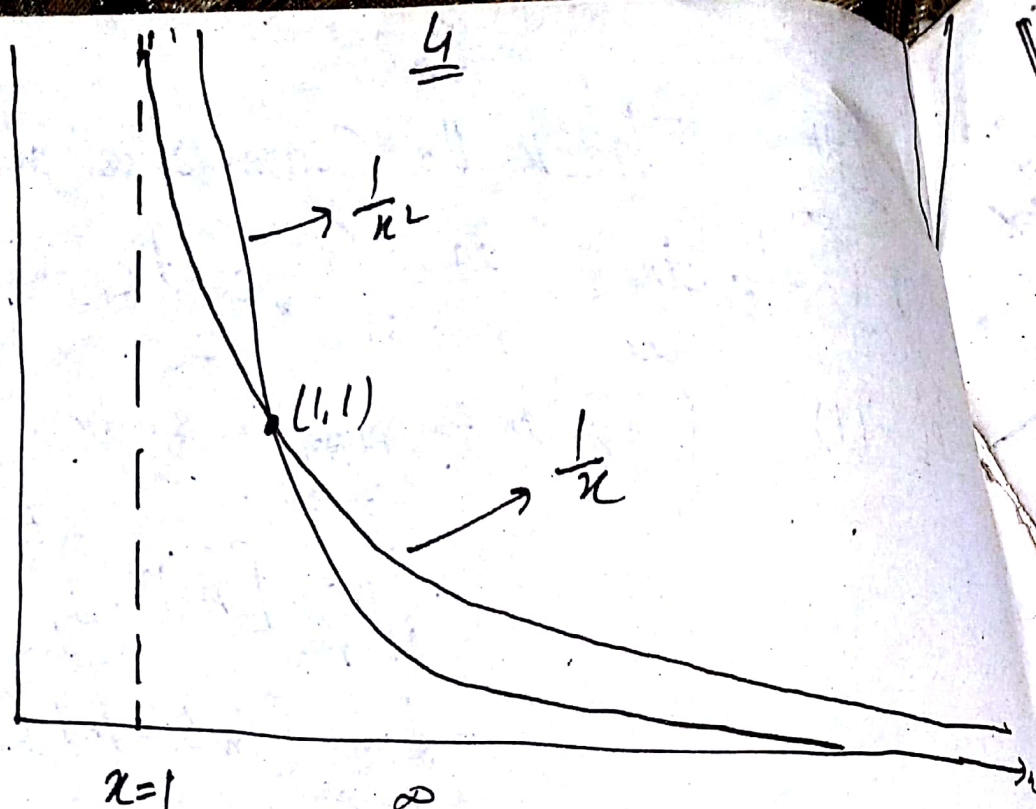
(2)  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x^{-2} dx$   
 $= - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t$   
 $= - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{t} - 1 \right] = 1$

Discussion # We note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2}$   
 i.e. both functions die as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  but we also  
 note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2}$  dies faster than  $\frac{1}{x}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   
 Therefore  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  Converges.





We note that  $\int_1^{\infty} x^2 dx$  diverges because  $f(x) = x^2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  i.e. it does not die. Thus when a function does not die its integral does not converge but when a function dies as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  we may expect its integral of type  $\int_a^{\infty} f dx$  to be convergent and we may equally expect it to be ~~converge~~ divergent as we have seen above in case of integrals  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$  &  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

Integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$

If for some  $c \in (a, \infty)$   $\int_{-\infty}^c f dx$  and  $\int_c^{\infty} f dx$  are both convergent, then  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f dx$  is cgt and its value is defined to be

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f dx = \int_{-\infty}^c f dx + \int_c^{\infty} f dx$$

# Cauchy Principal Value of $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$

Consider integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dx$

The integral  $\int_1^{\infty} x dx$  &  $\int_{-\infty}^{-1} x dx$  both diverge and hence the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dx$  diverges.

But

$\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-c}^c x dx = 0$ . It is called Cauchy principal value and it may exist even if the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$  diverges as has been above.

$$\text{Again } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-t}^t \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

is divergent but

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-c}^c \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= - \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right]_{-c}^c \\ &= - \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 0$$

But  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$  Converges it Converges to its principal value i.e. for a convergent integral value of the integral is same as principal value.

Note # If we know the convergence of integral  $\int_a^\infty f dx$  in advance, we may find its value by finding the principal value.

## Analogy Between Infinite Integral And Infinite Series

$$\int_a^\infty f dx$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

Here, analogy is as  
 $I(t) = \int_a^t f dx$  analogous to  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$   
 partial integral partial sum.

$\int$  is analogous to  $\sum$   
 $f(x)$  is " "  $a_n$

Corresponds to  $n$

$x$   
 $\downarrow$   
 Varies Continuously  
 on  $[a, \infty)$

$\downarrow$   
 Varies Discretely  
 on  $\{1, 2, \dots\}$

## Improper Integral of 2nd Kind #

If in the definite integral  $\int_a^b f dx$ , interval of integration is finite but  $f$  has one or more points of infinite discontinuity i.e.  $f$  is not bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\int_a^b f dx$  is called an improper integral of 2nd kind.

e.g.  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x}$ ,  $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{2-x}$

## Improper Integral of 3rd Kind

If in definite integral  $\int_a^b f dx$ , the interval is unbounded and  $f$  is also unbounded, then it is called improper integral of 3rd kind.

e.g.  $\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x}}{\sqrt{x}}$

## Convergence & Divergence of

### Improper Integral of 2nd kind

#### (a) Convergence at Left End point

Let  $f$  be defined on  $(a, b]$  and integrable (R.S or R) on  $[t, b] \forall t > a$  or on  $[a+\epsilon, b], \epsilon > 0$  or  $\forall \epsilon, 0 < \epsilon < b-a$ , then  $\int_a^b f dx$  is defined by

$$\int_a^b f dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} I(\epsilon) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{a+\epsilon}^b f dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} \int_t^b f dx$$

If this limit exist and is equal to a real number  $A$ , then improper integral converges to  $A$  otherwise diverges.

Note If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists but  $f$  is discontinuous at  $a$ , then  $\int_a^b f dx$  is considered as proper

and proper integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is always convergent  
 $\rightarrow$  If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  except that  $f(c^+) \neq f(c^-)$ ,  $a < c < b$  i.e.  $f$  has a finite jump at  $c$ , then  $\int_a^b f dx$  is considered as proper.

### (b) Convergence at Right End Point

Let  $b$  be only point of infinite discontinuity and  $f$  is defined on  $[a, b)$ ,  $f \in R(\alpha)$  on  $[a, b)$  or on  $[a, t]$   $\forall t < b$ ,  $a \leq t < b$ , then integral  $\int_a^b f dx$  defined as limit  $\int_a^{b-\epsilon} f dx$  as

$$\int_a^b f dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{b-\epsilon} f dx \quad 0 < \epsilon < b-a$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^t f dx \quad 0 < t < b-a, \quad t \in [a, b)$$

If this limit exists, then the integral is cgt, otherwise dgt.

### (c) Convergence at Interior Point

If an interior point  $c$ ,  $a < c < b$  is the only point of infinite discontinuity (i.e.  $f$  is unbounded) at  $c$ , then

$$\int_a^b f dx = \int_a^c f dx + \int_c^b f dx$$

Integral is cgt if both integrals on R.H.S are convergent otherwise is dgt.



(d) Convergence At Both End Points

If  $a$  &  $b$  are both points of infinite discontinuity, then for any  $c$  within the interval.

$$[a, b] \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

The integral exists if both integrals on R.H.S exist otherwise integral does not exist.

Example

Discuss the convergence and divergence of integrals

(a)  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  (b)  $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  (c)  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

Sol # (a) function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$  is continuous in  $(0, 1]$  irrespective of the value of  $p$  but is undefined at  $x=0$

Case I When  $p < 0$ ,  $f$  is bounded in  $(0, 1]$ , so we can extend the definition to  $x=0$  by setting the value of  $f$  to be 0 at  $x=0$ .

If  $p=0$   $f$  is identically 1 through out  $[0, 1]$ . Thus for  $p \leq 0$ ,  $f$  itself has a continuous extension to whole of  $[0, 1]$  and is Riemann integrable there.

Case II # If  $p > 0$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$  is unbounded at  $x=0$  and integral is improper.

If  $0 < p < 1$ , then  $1-p > 0$  and

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 x^{-p} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \right]_t^1 \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{1-p} - \frac{t^{1-p}}{1-p} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1-p}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges to  $\frac{1}{1-p}$

Case III # If  $p > 1$ ,  $1-p < 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 x^{-p} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p)x^{p-1}} \right]_t^1 \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{1-p} - \frac{1}{(1-p)t^{p-1}} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p} + \frac{1}{(p-1)t^{p-1}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Improper integral diverges.

Case IV # For  $p=1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln |x|]_t^1 \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln 1 - \ln t]
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral diverges for  $p=1$

Result  $\Rightarrow \int_0^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  is cgt if  $p < 1$   
dgt if  $p \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \right]_1^t \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{t^{1-p}}{1-p} - \frac{1}{1-p} \right) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p-1} & \text{if } p > 1 \\ +\infty & \text{if } p < 1 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $p=1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|x|]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln t - \ln 1] \\
 &= +\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Result  $\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  is cgt if  $p > 1$   
is dgt if  $p \leq 1$ .

$$(c) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

For	$p < 0$	$I_1$ is cgt, $I_2$ is dgt to $\infty$
For	$p = 0$	$I_1$ is cgt, $I_2$ is dgt to $\infty$
For	$0 < p < 1$	$I_1$ is cgt, $I_2$ is dgt to $\infty$
For	$p = 1$	$I_1$ & $I_2$ both diverge to $\infty$



For  $p > 1$ ,  $I_1$  is dgt. to  $\infty$  &  $I_2$  is cgt.  
 $\Rightarrow$  For any arbitrary  $p$  one of the integral diverges to  $\infty$ . Hence the integral diverges to  $\infty$  for all  $p$ .

## Examples #

Examine the Convergence and Divergence of

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|---|---|
| (ii) $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-mx} dx \quad (m > 0)$ | (2) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$                |
| (iii) $\int_0^{\infty} \sin x dx$               | (4) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x)^3}$                |
| (5) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+4a^2}$       | (6) $\int_3^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x-2)^2}$                |
| (7) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x)^{2/3}}$    | (8) $\int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$ |
| (9) $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{2x^2}{x^4-1} dx$     | (10) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+2x)^3} dx$            |

## Solutions #

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-mx} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-mx} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-mx}}{-m} \right]_0^t \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-mt} - 1] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{m}, \text{ which is finite.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral converges

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$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-mx} dx$  Converges for every  $m > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2) \right]_0^t \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} [\log(1+t^2) - \log(1+0^2)] \\&= \infty\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral diverges

$$\begin{aligned}(3) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \sin x dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \sin x dx \\&= -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\cos x]_0^t \\&= -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\cos t - \cos 0] \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\cos t - 1], \text{ which}\end{aligned}$$

does not exist because  $\cos t$  oscillates between

$-1$  and  $1$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \sin x dx$  oscillates.

$$\begin{aligned}(4) \# \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x)^3} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(1+x)^3} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{(1+t)^2} - 1 \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{2} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

⇒ Integral Converges  $\frac{13}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}(5) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4a^2} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{dx}{x^2 + (2a)^2} \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{2a} \right]_0^t \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2a} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{t}{2a} - \tan^{-1} 0 \right] \\&= \frac{1}{2a} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{\pi}{4a}, \text{ which is finite}\end{aligned}$$

⇒ Integral Converges to  $\frac{\pi}{4a}$

$$\begin{aligned}(6) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{2x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{2x} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{2x} \right]_0^t \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{2t} - e^0 \right]\end{aligned}$$

⇒ Integral diverges to  $+\infty$

### Result

Note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{2x} = \infty$  i.e. the integrand does not die as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  so integral diverges.

On the other hand  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-mx} dx$  Converges for all  $m > 0$ . Here  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-mx} = 0 \quad \forall m > 0$ . So

we may expect convergence which comes out.

\* Knowledge non-negative and bounded is a great blessing of God.



$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \# \int_3^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x-2)^2} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t (x-2)^{-2} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{(x-2)^{-1}}{-1} \right]_0^t \\
 &= -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{t-2} - 1 \right] = -(0-1) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \# \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x)^{2/3}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t (1+x)^{-2/3} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 3 \left[ (1+x)^{1/3} \right]_0^t \\
 &= 3 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ (1+t)^{1/3} - 1 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$= +\infty$ , Divergent

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \# \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sec^{-1} x \right]_{\sqrt{2}}^t \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sec^{-1} t - \sec^{-1} \sqrt{2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ which is finite.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral is cgt.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \# \int_2^{\infty} \frac{2x^2}{x^4-1} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{(x^2+1) + (x^2-1)}{2(x^2+1)(x^2-1)} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \left[ \frac{1}{x^2-1} + \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right] dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right) + \tan^{-1} x \right]_2^t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{t-1}{t+1} + \tan^{-1} t - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{3} - \tan^{-1} 2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{t}}{1 + \frac{1}{t}} \right) + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 - \tan^{-1} 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log 1 + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 - \tan^{-1} 2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 - \tan^{-1} 2 \quad \text{which is finite.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges.

$$(11) \# \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+2x)^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{x}{(1+2x)^3} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{\frac{1}{2}(1+2x) - \frac{1}{2}}{(1+2x)^3} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1+2x)^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}(1+2x)^{-3} \right] dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+2x)^{-1}}{-1 \times 2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+2x)^{-2}}{-2 \times 2} \right]_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{-1}{4(1+2x)} + \frac{1}{8(1+2x)^2} \right]_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{-1}{4(1+2t)} + \frac{1}{8(1+2t)^2} + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{72} \right]$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{72} = \frac{5}{72} \quad \text{which is finite.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges.

Next Do yourself.

# Examples#

Examine the Convergence or Divergence of following integrals.

- (1)  $\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx$  (2)  $\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx$   
 (3)  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx$  (4)  $\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x^2} dx$   
 (5)  $\int_0^{\infty} x \sin x dx$

Solution# (1)  $\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x e^{-x} dx$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -x e^{-x} - e^{-x} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -t e^{-t} - e^{-t} + e^{-1} + e^{-1} \right)$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -e^{-t} t \right) - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t} + \frac{2}{e}$

$= 0 + \frac{2}{e} = \frac{2}{e}$  which is finite.

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges

(2)  $\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t x^2 e^{-x} dx$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \right]_0^t$

$= 2$ , which is finite

(3)  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t -2x e^{-x^2} dx \right]$

$= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ e^{-x^2} \right]_0^t$

$= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-t^2} - e^0) = -\frac{1}{2} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}$



$$(4) \# \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x^2} dx \stackrel{17}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t x^3 e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} x e^{-x^2} + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} x e^{-x^2} dx \right]$$

Let  $x^2 = z$        $2x dx = dz$   
 $x dx = \frac{1}{2} dz$

Limits When  $x=0$        $z=0$   
 $x=\infty$        $z=\infty$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-z} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t z e^{-z} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -z e^{-z} - e^{-z} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -t e^{-t} - e^{-t} - 0 + e^0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 + 0 + 1] = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ which is finite.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral Converges

$$(5) \int_0^{\infty} x \sin x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t x \sin x dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -x \cos x + \sin x \right]_0^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-t \cos t + \sin t)$$

which oscillates b/w  $+\infty, -\infty$  because

$\cos t$  oscillates b/w  $-1$  and  $+1$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral oscillates infinitely.